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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte: STEVEN M. KNOWLES

Application No. 09/982,928
Technology Center 3679

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Before DELORES LOWE, *Review Team Paralegal*
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 15, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSE TO
NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

A paper entitled "Response to Notification of non-complaint Appeal Brief" was filed in this application on March 26, 2007. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the paper entitled "Response to Notification of Non-complaint Appeal Brief."

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) consider the paper entitled 'Response to Notification of Non-complaint Appeal Brief' filed March 26, 2007 as indicated above;
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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